



Today in History

January 15, 1971

▲ **The Aswan High Dam in Egypt, designed to control the flooding of the Nile, was opened by President Anwar Sadat and Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny**

1986: The birthday of activist and civil rights leader Martin Luther King was observed as a federal holiday in the U.S. for the first time

1991: The Soviet crackdown on the Baltic states spread to Latvia with a dawn attack on the capital, Riga

2006: Michelle Bachelet was elected as the first female president of Chile

2016: Scientists confirmed the discovery of the brightest superluminous supernova ever seen